



Senate

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Senate Bill No. 226

Senate, March 26, 2018

The Committee on Veterans' Affairs reported through SEN. FLEXER of the 29th Dist. and SEN. MARTIN of the 31st Dist., Chairpersons of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING STATE MILITARY UNIT BYLAWS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 27-79 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2018*):

3 [Each organization of the armed forces of the state shall make
4 bylaws for its government, which shall be binding on its members
5 when approved by the regimental or corresponding commander and
6 the Adjutant General; and all fines and dues imposed by such bylaws
7 may be collected in accordance with such procedure as the Adjutant
8 General may, by regulation, prescribe, provided notice shall be given
9 to any delinquent of the incurrence of any fine or dues within thirty
10 days of the date when the same has been incurred and notice may be
11 given collectively of such fines or dues or both. The commanding
12 officer of the organization shall be the president of the association
13 created in the bylaws, except that, if two or more organizations
14 combine in one association, the senior commanding officer shall be

15 president. The treasurer shall be elected from the enlisted personnel of
16 the organization or, if two or more organizations combine, from
17 among the enlisted personnel of one of the organizations. The
18 treasurer of each such organization shall give a bond to such
19 organization in an amount satisfactory to the Adjutant General. The
20 premium on such bond shall be paid by such organization.] The
21 Governor shall determine the organizational and governmental
22 structure of the organized militia, pursuant to section 27-14. Each
23 military unit of the organized militia shall be composed in a manner
24 consistent with National Guard or federal military units of similar
25 composition, size and purpose. The Adjutant General may adopt
26 bylaws for the administration of organized militia units.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	July 1, 2018	27-79
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VA *Joint Favorable*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

This bill makes procedural changes to the state military unit bylaws and results in no fiscal impact to the state.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**SB 226*****AN ACT CONCERNING STATE MILITARY UNIT BYLAWS.*****SUMMARY**

This bill eliminates a requirement that each organization of the state's armed forces adopt bylaws for its government.

The bill instead (1) requires the governor to configure and administer the state's military units similar to federal military units and (2) allows the adjutant general to issue bylaws for the administration of organized militia units. Specifically, it requires the governor to determine the organizational and governmental structure of the organized militia, each unit of which must be composed in a manner consistent with National Guard or federal military units of similar composition, size, and purpose.

The bill makes conforming changes by eliminating provisions related to bylaws, including provisions for:

1. authorization for the adjutant general, by regulation, to prescribe procedures for the collection of fines and dues imposed by the bylaws;
2. eligibility for association president and treasurer positions;
3. a 30-day notice requirement for the collection of delinquent fines and dues; and
4. a bond to be paid by each organization in an amount set by the adjutant general.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2018

COMMITTEE ACTION

Veterans' Affairs Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/14/2018)